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1. HIGHLIGHTS. SINCE MONDAY PAPERS HAVE HEAVILY FEATURED
INDOCHINA; TUESDAY BALTSUN ALSO FRONTPAGED PORTUGAL OFFERED
ECONOMIC AID BY SOVIET; THURSDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGES
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US, SOVIETS TO EXCHANGE OLD MASTERS. COMMENT SCATTERED.

1A. TUESDAY BALTSUN INSIDE REPORTED SOVIET PROTESTS DIMINISH AS DISSIDENTS TURN TOWARD FORMULATING MORE THEORETICAL PROPOSALS FOR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS; ALSO ITEM ON COSMONAUTS. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR HAD MOSCOW AP, US SOVIET SPACEMEN CLOSER TO FLIGHT. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS COSMONAUT ITEM; ALSO FORD BACKS IBM SALES TO SOVIETS. THURSDAY BALTSUN REPORTS BRANDT SAYING US UNSURE OF ITS ROLE; ALSO MANY CONGRESSMEN ARE TRAVELING.

2. DEFENSE POLICY. TUESDAY WASHPOST EDITORIAL PAGE HAD COUPLE PARAGRAPHS FROM WARNKE ARTICLE IN FOREIGN POLICY MAGAZINE, WARNKE SEEING TWO MAJOR FALLACIES DRIVING OUR DEFENSE EXPENDITURES TO THEIR PRESENT GIDDY HEIGHTS: 1, FICTION THAT PROTECTION OF OUR INTERESTS IMPLIES A GLOBAL MILITARY MISSION REQUIRING THAT WE MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO DEAL WITH A CONGERIES OF CONTINGENCIES THROUGHOUT WORLD,

WHEREAS WE FACE A SINGLE MILITARY THREAT AND OUR FORCE POSTURE SHOULD BE OPTIMIZED TO DETER SOVIET RESORT TO FORCE; 2, SECOND FALLACY IS THAT US FAILURE TO MAINTAIN A COSMETIC MILITARY QUOTE SUPERIORITY UNQUOTE WILL CAUSE US POLITICAL DISADVANTAGE, THE LOSS OF BARGAINING POSITION IN ARMS LIMITATION NEGOTIATIONS, WARNKE MAINTAINING THAT THE PROPOSITION THAT WE MUST MAINTAIN A LEAD ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF STRATEGIC AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES IS A FORMULA FOR ENDLESS ESCALATION IN DEFENSE COSTS. THAT KIND OF LEAD WILL HAVE POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE ONLY IF WE ACT AS IF IT MATTERS.

3. EUROPE. THURSDAY BALTSUN OISHI BONN REPORTS BRANDT TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HE HAS NEVER SEEN AMERICA SO UNCERTAIN OVER ITS ROLE AS A WORLD POWER BUT ADDED THAT THE CURRENT PERIOD OF PAINFUL SELF-EXAMINATION IS TEMPORARY AND PEOPLE SHOULDN'T MAKE ANY FALSE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE US COMMITMENTS TO EUROPE. MY ADVICE, SAID BRANDT, IS THAT WHILE WE SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POSSIBILITY OF ISOLATIONIST TENDENCIES IN AMERICA WE CAN ASSUME US WILL CONTINUE, UNDER CHANGED CONDITIONS, ITS ROLE AS A WESTERN UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD POWER. OISHI SAYS BRANDT, STILL CHAIRMAN OF RULING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, APPEARED TO BE INTENT ON COUNTERING A GROWING CONCERN AMONG EUROPEANS THAT US IS BECOMING A LESS RELIABLE ALLY. OISHI CITES WEST GERMAN OPINION POLL SHOWING THE US SLIPPING IN ESTEEM THOUGH IT REMAINED IN FIRST PLACE, 49 PERCENT NOW SAYING US FRIENDSHIP WAS MOST IMPORTANT TO WEST GERMANY AS AGAINST 62 PERCENT A YEAR AGO. BRANDT STRESSED GERMANS WOULD DO WELL

TO RECOGNIZE THE MATERIAL AND MORAL ENERGY THE US POSSESSES, AND A CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE A SPECIAL IMPORTANCE, ADDING EUROPEANS CANNOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE GRIPPED WITH MISTRUST.

3A. THURSDAY BALTSUN PEPPER WASHINGTON REPORTS OVER 50 CONGRESSMEN OVERSEAS, INCLUDING EIGHT SENATORS LED BY SCOTT AND HUMPHREY MAKING A 10-DAY TRIP TO BELGIUM, WEST GERMANY AND AUSTRIA, NOTING THEIR VISIT IS PART OF AN INTERPARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE AMONG NATO COUNTRIES ALTHOUGH AUSTRIA, ONE OF THE STOPS, IS NOT A NATO MEMBER.

4. FRANCE. HOUSTON POST MARCH 20 EDITORIAL ON THE FRENCH DIRECTION NOTED FRENCH DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCES WILL INVITE HAIG TO TOUR SOME OF FRANCE'S STRATEGIC NUCLEAR BASES, THUS MARKING THE FIRST OFFICIAL NATO VISIT BY HIGH-RANKING OFFICER SINCE DE GAULLE INVITED NATO FORCES OUT NINE YEARS AGO. EDITORIAL ALSO NOTED ANOTHER FRENCH

CONCILIATORY GESTURE IN DECIDING TO PLACE ITS ATOMIC TESTS UNDERGROUND.

4A. WASHPOST MARCH 29 HAD AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE FROM TOKYO REPORTING TWO JAPANESE PACIFISTS HAD LEFT TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT SUVA NEXT MONTH ON DENUCLEARIZATION OF PACIFIC REGION, ITEM ADDING THAT DELEGATES FROM ABOUT 30 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING AUSTRALIA CANADA AND UNITED STATES, ARE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS CAMPAIGNS AGAINST NUCLEAR TESTS IN THE PACIFIC AND NUCLEAR FALLOUT'S EFFECTS ON HUMANS.

5. RUSSIA. THURSDAY WASHPOST RICHARD LOCAL REPORTS AN UNPRECEDENTED EXHIBITION OF OLD MASTERS FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED

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HERMITAGE IN LENINGRAD, SOME OF WHICH HAVEN'T BEEN SEEN OUTSIDE RUSSIA SINCE THE DAYS OF PETER THE GREAT, WILL OPEN AT NATIONAL GALLERY ON JULY 15. SHOW WILL INCLUDE 10 RUSSIAN PAINTINGS AND 30 EUROPEAN OLD MASTERS AND WILL LATER VISIT DETROIT, LOS ANGELES, HOUSTON AND NEW YORK; IN EXCHANGE AMERICAN GALLERIES WILL SEND 10 OLD WEST PAINTINGS AND 30 OLD MASTERS TO RUSSIA UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED TODAY IN RUSSIA BY HAMMER AND MINISTRY OF CULTURE. RICHARD SAYS WASHINGTON OPENING HAS BEEN TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH JOINT SPACE SHOT AND BREZHNEV IS EXPECTED HERE IN SEPTEMBER AND SHOW WILL PROBABLY REMAIN ON VIEW UNTIL HE DEPARTS. RICHARD REPORTS CARTER BROWN SAID BY TELEPHONE FROM MOSCOW LAST NIGHT THAT THE SUPERSTARS OF THE SHOW ARE TWO REMBRANDTS AND A CARAVAGGIO. RICHARD ADDS THE LOAN SHOW IS PART OF THE

OFFICIAL RUSSIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE AMERICAN
BICENTENNIAL.

5A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS LOCAL STORY BY STEIGER OF
LATIMES REPORTING FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS APPROVED 10
MILLION DOLLAR IBM DEAL TO SELL RUSSIA 11 COMPUTERS
INCLUDING ONE MORE ADVANCED MODEL, PROVIDED DEAL IS
APPROVED BY NATO COCOM. IBM SPOKESMAN SAID COMPUTERS ARE
FOR PRODUCTION PLANNING AND CONTROLS AT NEW KAMA RIVER
TRUCK PLANT. WHEN AN AIDE TO SEN. JACKSON WAS INFORMED
BY A REPORTER OF THE ADMINISTRATION ACTION, HE SAID
JACKSON WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SALE AND HIS SUB-
COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE STUDYING IT, ADDING
SENATOR IS WARY OF SELLING RUSSIANS ADVANCED
TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY COMPUTERS WHICH CAN BE USED IN
MISSILE GUIDANCE SYSTEMS.

5B. WEDNESDAY WASHSTAR HAD MOSCOW AP REPORTING THAT THE
SOVIET AND AMERICAN CREWS OF THE UPCOMING SOYUZ-APOLLO
SPACE FLIGHT HAVE COMPLETED A NINE-DAY JOINT SIMULATION

OF THE VENTURE AT FLIGHT CONTROL CENTERS OF THE TWO
COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO TASS. AP SAYS IN ADDITION TO THE
FULL SIMULATION, COMMUNICATIONS WERE TESTED BY SPACE CREWS
WHO SPENT NINE DAYS AND NIGHTS IN COPIES OF THEIR SPACE-
CRAFT.

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5C. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS ROUNDUP ITEM REPORTING SOVIET
COSMONAUTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEMPT TO REVISIT THE
ORBITING SALYUT 4 SPACE STATION, POSSIBLY TODAY, AND
WESTERN SPACE OBSERVERS BELIEVE COSMONAUTS MIGHT STAY
AS LONG AS 60 DAYS WHICH WOULD BE A RECORD FOR MANNED
SPACE FLIGHT BY SOVIETS.

5D. GEORGE WILL'S TUESDAY COLUMN ASSERTED IF DETENTE
WERE WORTH THE MANY PIECES OF PAPER IT IS WRITTEN ON,
BREZHNEV WOULD NOT BE UNDERWRITING NORTH VIETNAM'S
AGGRESSIVE DETERMINATION, ADDING KISSINGER CANNOT MUSTER
A PEEP OF PROTEST AGAINST THE MOSCOW POLICY THAT MAKES
SUBSTANTIAL US AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM NECESSARY. ACCORDING
WILL, IF KISSINGER WON'T DENOUNCE BREZHNEV'S FINANCING
OF HANOI'S AGGRESSION HE CAN'T EXPECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE
TO FINANCE RESISTANCE TO THAT AGGRESSION.

5E. TODAY'S WASHPOST HAS VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN REFERRING TO
CIA STUDY ON SOVIET SALES OF GOLD OIL AND OTHER PRODUCTS,
WHICH WAS MADE AVAILABLE BY COMMERCE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU
OF EAST-WEST TRADE, AND WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THESE SALES

MAY MAKE MOSCOW LESS VULNERABLE TO PRESSURES FOR
POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. ZORZA SAYS POWERFUL US LOBBY
WHICH WANTS SOVIET TRADE ARGUES IN FAVOR OF LARGE US
CREDITS TO PREVENT BUSINESS GOING TO RIVAL COUNTRIES
OFFERING CREDIT; BUT OPPONENTS SAY MOSCOW CAN USE THE
HARD CURRENCY EARNED FROM GOLD AND OIL SALES. KISSINGER

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